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All of the unit, not just medics, can save lives

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Warriors from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command's Surgeon Cell brought together other Soldiers from across the unit to impart their medical knowledge and get them Combat Lifesaver (CLS) qualified, Aug. 5-9.

The purpose was to provide an alternate platform to train and certify CLS and, ultimately, to save lives on the battlefield and training areas, said Staff Sgt. Tiffany Jones, the 8th TSC Surgeon Cell Operation Cell.

"CLS is important not only to save lives by getting immediate and appropriate basic lifesaving care to those injured on the battlefield, but also for a sense of trust and accomplishment among the unit," said Spc. Jacquelyn Zimmerman, CLS instructor and combat medic, 8th TSC. "Soldiers are more apt to head into battle willingly because of knowing their fellow comrades can and will save their lives with basic medical knowledge and skills.

"Instead of relying merely on a single medic for a platoon of Soldiers," Zimmerman added, "Soldiers know the person standing to their left and right can be just as

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Soldiers load a simulated victim into a helicopter mock-up during a Combat Lifesaver class, instructed by the medical experts at the 8th TSC, Aug. 5-9. (Photo by Spc. Joseph Peck, 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command)

2SBCT leaders team up for Warrior X-4

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Leaders from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, tested their strength and teamwork during Warrior X-4, Aug. 7.

Warrior X-4 is designed to evaluate majors, first sergeants and warrant officers across the brigade on leadership skills and critical thinking, but the overall intent of the exercise is to build the team.

Participants split up into four different teams comprised of officers and noncommissioned officers who are not accustomed to working together on a day-to-day basis. Events included leader preventative maintenance checks and services and a light medium tactical vehicle push, a stress shoot, force-on-force capture the flag, the apparatus and a POW rescue lane.

Maj. Tim Wright, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, was the only member of his battalion assigned to his Warrior X-4 squad.

"It's all about working together as a team," Wright said. "And what's unique is that these aren't guys that usually work together day in and day out. There is no one here from my battalion. I'm working with leaders, majors, non-commissioned officers and chief warrant officers from across the brigade combat team."

Col. Thomas Mackey, commander, 2nd SBCT, told participants early in the day to use this opportunity to get to know one another, to use their brains and to have fun.

Warrior X-4 participants used more than their brains during the 18-hour ordeal. Many



A Warrior X-4 squad, comprised of majors, first sergeants and chief warrant officers, muscle a truck around the motor pool, just before executing preventative maintenance checks and services on four humvees, during the five-event team-building challenge Warrior X-4, Aug. 7.

of the stations required strength and stamina. Teams did not know what the events were before they arrived at each station, and they didn't have much time to come up with a strategy to complete the tasks.

"Instead of fighting a plan, you're going to fight what's in front of you," Mackey said.

The random selection of teams and secret nature of the tasks was intentional.

"We have guys from all six battalions and from the brigade headquarters working together to accomplish a task. Just going through that as a team, doing that hard job, has bene-

fits well beyond what you can measure with something like a points scale at the end of the day," said Wright.

Warrior X-4 was preceded by Warriors X-1, X-2 and X-3, each designed to assess leader abilities, build teams and facilitate horizontal communication across the brigade.

Warrior X-5 is in the early planning stages and will likely come to fruition during the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2014. It will be a much larger event, and participants will include leaders ranging from platoon sergeants to the brigade command team.

Furloughs cut, but challenges remain ahead

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WASHINGTON — Savings and the ability to reprogram funds made possible last week's announcement by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel that unpaid furlough days for about 650,000 civilian employees have been reduced.

Hagel signed a memo cutting furlough days for about 650,000 Defense Department civilian employees from 11 to six. This means that for most employees, the furlough will be over tomorrow, Aug. 17.

Effective as of Aug. 6, furloughs are over for all DOD Education Activity personnel on 10-month contracts — mostly teachers and support personnel working in the activity's school system — so the 2013 school year will not be affected, officials said.

In a message announcing the reduction, Hagel said that since he announced the 11-day furlough in May, "Congress has approved most of a large reprogramming request that we submitted ... giving us the flexibility to move funds across accounts. The military services have been aggressive in identifying ways to hold down costs, and we have been successful in shifting savings ... to meet our highest priority needs."

When Hagel reluctantly decided to impose furloughs in May, the department faced an \$11 billion shortfall. The department already had imposed a hiring freeze, cut facility maintenance and laid off temporary employees before making the furlough decision.

The cuts severely affected readiness accounts, with Navy ships not sailing, Air Force squadrons not flying and Army and Marine Corps units not training. Readiness of these units was so endangered that leaders determined that furloughs were the best way to find the last \$2 billion in savings needed.

"But even as (Hagel) made the announcement, the secretary said he would try to reduce the number of days without endangering training and maintenance," a senior defense official, speaking on background, told reporters after the memo was issued.

The savings and reprogramming allowed the department to accomplish two goals, he said. First, there were "modest improvements" in training. The Air Force has been able to return squadrons to flying, and the Army has been able to fund organizational training. Second, the department was able to reduce furlough days.

"While this is positive news for the department and for our valued civilian workers ... we're still facing some major challenges," the senior of-

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Maj. Colin Davis (left front), civil affairs officer, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, and Maj. Tim Wright, executive officer, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, haul a heavy log uphill as 1st Sgt. Michael Moore, 2nd Bn., 11th Field Artillery Regt., 2nd SBCT, walks alongside, ready to lend a hand during "The Apparatus," part of the five-event team-building challenge Warrior X-4, Aug. 7.



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Company commanders of the 25th CAB practice engaging a target from behind a barrier during advanced preliminary marksmanship instruction, taught by Tactical Weapons Course instructors with the 25th Infantry Division Lightning Academy.

CAB leaders advance marksmanship skills

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Company and battalion commanders of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade conducted a road march and stress shoot as part of leader training, Aug. 2.

The event consisted of an early morning road march from Wheeler Army Airfield to Schofield’s ranges, followed by advanced preliminary marksman in-

struction and live fire with the M4 rifle and M9 pistol.

“This leader training event was designed to show company commanders an example of the type and quality of training they are expected to provide their Soldiers,” said Col. Kenneth Hawley, commander. “The event started with the planning phase six weeks ago.”

Unit commanders were shown the scope of planning and execution of training, to include scheduling the preliminary marksmanship instruction, selecting coaches, analyzing safety concerns

and executing the training.

“The event helped me realize the resources that are available for company-level training, such as advanced level ranges and air support,” said Capt. Brandon Nixon, commander, Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment. “This broadened my scope for what I am able to do at my level.”

Advanced marksmanship training was conducted by the 25th Infantry Division Lightning Academy.

“It’s about building confidence and helping leaders improve their ability to

make decisions,” said Sgt. 1st Class Morse Dawson, tactical weapons course instructor, Lightning Academy.

During advanced marksmanship, commanders learned to fire from positions behind barricades, during target approach and to continue target engagement while changing magazines and weapons systems.

Following the success of the company commander road march and stress shoot, a similar event is now being planned for 25th CAB company first sergeants.

BACKTObASICS

In uncertain future, B2B is building troop’s trust

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The Army has transformed rapidly and dramatically over the past 12 years of war and will continue to change with reductions in force and changes in policy for retention.

The transformation from a pre-war Army to an Army at war, and now to an Army which is going through a transitional shift, has created some uncertainty and anxiety in the ranks.

Because of this transition, many Soldiers do not know what their future holds or what the future as an Army looks like. Additionally, we have Soldiers in the ranks suffering from the effects of war, and we



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must address critical issues, like sexual harassment and rape incidents and suicides.

Some senior leaders would even say Soldiers lack trust in their leadership. In other words, this is a critical time in our history for leaders to engage and develop our troops.

Soldiers need the calming hand of experience and our constant communication to guide them through these changing times. The Noncommissioned Officer Creed states, “I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed.” In these times, we must keep them informed.

Soldiers need to be counseled — not just the run-of-the-mill monthly counseling, but on current events that affects them. Our Soldiers want to know the “why” of things and how it impacts them, their families and their future.

Simple things like “under the oak tree” counseling gives leaders a tool to know their Soldiers and understand some of

their problems and concerns. It can also allow leaders to set conditions in a group setting.

A key to establishing trust is the second part of every NCO’s responsibilities: the health and welfare of Soldiers. We must show genuine care when dealing with our warriors. Many have been through multiple deployments and some, multiple relationships. It is a basic right for Soldiers to seek the medical attention that they require to heal and be fully functional for duty.

We must eliminate the stigma of going to medical appointments, and more specifically, mental health appointments. The support provided will help them realize that we have compassion for them, not only as Soldiers, but also as human beings.

As leaders, we must address the current problems that our Army faces with solid communications. Prevention of sexual assault has been deemed the Army’s No. 1 priority. We need to en-

sure that our culture reflects the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. We cannot tolerate an environment where Soldiers feel threatened, intimidated or have hostility brought against them.

At the unit level, leaders must be open about these issues and take swift actions against acts that don’t represent our Army way of life. This action will solidify the trust Soldiers place in us and demonstrate that we, as leaders, take these problems seriously.

This time is a challenging era to be a leader in the Army. At the same time, this is a remarkable and amazing time in which we as leaders have the ability to shape our Soldiers and the Army for years to come.

Our amazing leaders have always risen to the challenges of the past. There is no doubt that our dynamic force will continue to lead, protect and grow our Soldiers for the future.

FTSTEPS in FAITH

Tragedy is a predator that strikes hard; we’re the prey

We’re like sheep in need of a shepherd

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I remember watching a documentary called “The Ultimate Killing Machines.”

The documentary analyzed the tactics of predator and prey. It showed how prey was vulnerable and oblivious to its surrounding environment.

It reminded me of a harmless sheep in the middle of a field, surrounded by wolves. The sheep is unaware of the danger from hungry wolves.

Our lives are very much like those of

defenseless sheep. We are living in a world that is filled with all kinds of dangers and tragedies ready to strike us at any given time. We are all vulnerable. The predator is tragedy and we are the prey.

Tragedy strikes us when we least expect it. As Soldiers and family members, we’ve most likely experienced more than one tragedy in our lives.

Tragedies can include the loss of a loved one, toxic relationships, financial or spiritual crisis, and more. Everyone



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experiences some type of tragedy.

What tragedies have you experienced in your life? What tragedy is weighing you down, at this moment, that makes you feel like there’s no hope?

Well, let me tell you something wonderful; God gives us hope through his word, the Holy Bible. Whenever I experience problems, crisis or tragedy in life, I think of Scripture found in the book of Psalms, chapter 23, which offers us hope:

*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of right-*

*eousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalms 23: 1-4).*

As a vulnerable and helpless sheep, I look to the one and only shepherd for comfort, even when I am faced with challenges and tragedies in my life.

I know that the good shepherd will stand beside me and never leave me nor forsake me. Although my family and friends may leave me, he will never forsake me, and that’s a great hope.

All we need to do is simply trust him.

Voices of Ohana

Today is Hawaii Admission Day (Statehood Day.)

What do you enjoy most about living in Hawaii?

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



“I like the weather and also, my family is here, too.”

Marjoie Carino
Active duty spouse



“My favorite part is the community and the sense of partnership.”

Maria Jensen
Civilian contractor,
Booz Allen Hamilton



“My favorite things are the food and the weather.”

1st Sgt. Michael Keys
USA DENTAC



“I love that I can go scuba diving during any part of the year.”

Rimantas Vitkauskas
Civilian, 311th Sig.
Cmd. (T)



“All the entertainment; there’s always something entertaining to do with the family.”

Bert Wing
Civilian, 311th Sig.
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Alpha 307th begins redeployment after OEF mission

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HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — An initial group of 30 Alpha Company, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion Soldiers were welcomed home, Aug. 6, following a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan where they provided vital signal support to three regional commands.

The company deployed last November in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Under the command of the 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Co. A supported Regional Command East, at Bagram Airfield, Regional Command North, operating out of Camp Marmal, and Regional Command South’s cable/hub team, on Kandahar Airfield.

The remaining Alpha troops in Afghanistan will return within the next two months.

Lt. Col. Mark Miles, commander, 307th ESB, welcomed Co. A home and commended the Soldiers on their deployment before releasing them to reunite with family members and friends gathered at the unit’s dining facility.

1st Lt. Rashia King, who had been officer in charge and battle captain, Combined Joint Task Force-101, Combined Joint 6, was greeted by her parents, Arthur and Deborah, who had emailed her every day to ask if she was returning earlier than expected.

“They were beyond anxious to have



Lt. Col. Mark Miles (right), commander, 307th ESB, 311th SC(T), welcomes back 30 Soldiers with Company A following a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan, Aug. 6. The remaining Alpha Soldiers will return over the next few months. (Photo by 1st. Lt. John Maham, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 311th Sig. Command (Theater))

me back,” said King.

While deployed throughout 19 different regional command locations, Co. A supported network operations, satellite communications, signal systems integration, troubleshooting and help desk operations (including solving division-level end user problems); it even pulled guard duty.

King said that it was the first deployment for most of the Soldiers.

“Overall, they did an outstanding

job,” she said. “They went on this deployment with confidence and left with a sense of pride knowing they were part of the mission’s success.”

The Soldiers’ success was amplified by pre-deployment multitasking and cross-training to the extent that they could fill in for their teammates, allowing each other the time to attend Signal University on Kandahar Airfield, where one third of the company received at least one signal-specific

certification.

King’s assignment as current operations officer was her education.

“This deployment has opened my eyes to the broader scale of how the military operates,” she said. “Being in the Army for only two years, I was limited to the garrison platoon leader experience. Having the opportunity to work at a division level allowed me to see exactly how the Signal Corps is integrated in order to accomplish mis-

sion success.”

Off duty, Soldiers could teach classes, run marathons and perform community service like Operation Care, which sends amenity care packages to isolated troops, and the Cat in the Hat Program, where warriors read to Afghan youngsters or recorded books to send home to their own children.

After dark came nights dedicated to music and open mic or competitive events like basketball or poker tournaments and dominoes.

Alpha Soldiers were overjoyed to complete the deployment and the 27-hour flight Kuwait, Germany, Baltimore and San Francisco.

“It feels great to be back to Hawaii and far from where we’ve been,” said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Diaz, cable systems installer-maintainer supervisor.

Computer/detection systems repairer Spc. Caven Hudson agreed.

“It’s amazing! It’s not as hot, and I don’t have to worry about all of the dust,” he said, adding, “Overall, I’m happy to feel safe.”

Once all of Alpha returns, it resumes responsibility for providing tactical command, control, communications and computer capabilities in the Pacific theater, through the U.S. Army-Pacific’s Theater Security Cooperation Program.

(Editor’s note: Miller is the unit public affairs representative at 516th Signal Battalion, 311th Sig. Command (Theater), and Maham is the supply officer at 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn.)

130th Engineers prepare for Afghanistan deployment

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The headquarters for both the 65th Engineer Battalion and the 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, cased their colors, Monday, as they prepare to deploy to Afghanistan.

The ceremony officially announce dthe units’ deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“This mission requires adaptive, innovative, resilient Soldiers and committed, competent leaders of character,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen Lyons, commander, 8th TSC. “That is exactly what this Sapper team represents.”

The 65th Eng. Bn. also cased its colors during the ceremony and will be



Col. Diana Holland (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. John Etter, command team for the 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, case the unit colors, Aug. 9, to officially announce the unit’s deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom next month.

deploying to provide engineer and headquarters support in route clearance operations.

The 84th Eng. Bn. currently has units deployed to Guam in support of the Navy’s Humanitarian Assistance and

Disaster Relief mission, as well as construction units and a dive detachment currently on Oahu completing missions for U.S. Army-Pacific.

The brigade headquarters will deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to take over responsibilities as the theater engineer brigade, and will play a large role in the execution of responsible drawdown operations for the engineer units currently deployed. These roles give the brigade a geographically diverse and broad mission ahead.

“Very few units can claim that their mission spans the entire country,” Lyons said. “(Joint Task Force) Sapper takes this mission at a critical time as we approach mission transition in June 2014 — when Afghan national security forces are projected to be capable of conducting autonomous security op-

erations.”

“We have a lot of challenges ahead of us to be sure, but there is no better team assembled to meet those challenges at such a critical time in Operation Enduring Freedom,” said Col. Diana Holland, commander. “The units on the field are well prepared for the conditions and missions in Afghanistan.”

Holland addressed the families.

“We appreciate the sacrifices you make every day in support of our units and the added responsibilities you will assume when your Soldiers deploy,” said Holland.

The 130th Eng. Bde. arrived at Schofield Barracks in 2008 after relocating from Hanau, Germany.

Its last wartime deployment as a brigade headquarters was Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009-2010.

Decorated 65th Engineer Battalion welcomes new commander

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 65th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 130th Eng. Brigade, officially welcomed a new battalion commander during an assumption of command ceremony on Hamilton Field, Schofield Barracks, Aug. 7.

Lt. Col. David C. Acker assumed command of the battalion from Maj. Landon M. Raby, executive officer.

This change comes at a critical time for the battalion as it is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan within 60 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Col. Diana Holland, commander, 130th Eng. Bde. presided over the ceremony.

“There is no doubt in my mind that Lt. Col. Acker is the right person, with the right temperament and the right background, to take care of his Soldiers and families, and get the mission done,” Holland said.

Holland recognized the Soldiers of the 65th Eng. Bn. as always staying professional and disciplined no matter what circumstance they are faced with.

“I know that you will continue on the path to excellence, here, in support of the Pacific, and in combat,” she told the formation.

The battalion is a potent, multifunctional organization of builders and fighters. It is one of the most decorated units in the U.S. Army with participation in four campaigns in the Pacific during World War II, 10 campaigns of the Korean conflict and serving as the vanguard of

the 25th Infantry Division into Vietnam, as well as in recent conflicts in Bosnia, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

While speaking to the formation during the ceremony, Acker said, “Your reputation for excellence extends far and wide across the United States Army and the engineer regiment. Your dedication to service, tenacity of spirit and unwavering commitment to mission accomplishment have made you the envy of our peers.”

Acker is no stranger to the 130th Eng. Bde., having served several times with it in leadership positions.

He was assigned as the detachment commander of the 5th Geospatial Planning Cell, 130th Eng. Bde., in April 2009; as the executive officer of the 84th Eng. Bn. (Construction Effects), 130th Eng. Bde. in February 2010; the 130th Eng. Bde. operations officer in June 2011; and as the 130th Eng. Bde. executive officer in May 2012.

“I look forward to leading this organization through the myriad of challenges that lie ahead,” Acker told the engineers. “We will retain our focus on excellence, and we will hold ourselves and our teammates accountable.”



Lt. Col. Dave Acker (left), incoming commander, with Maj. Landon Raby, battalion executive officer, 65th Eng. Bn. (Combat), 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, march in front of the formation to inspect the troops during an assumption of command ceremony, Aug. 7.

303rd MEB WAREX achieves firsts and milestones

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FORT MCCOY, Wis. — The 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 9th Mission Support Command, traveled from the middle of the Pacific Ocean to the top of the Mississippi River for its annual training event, Operation Compass Shield 2013, held July 12-Aug. 2.

The warrior exercise (WAREX) provided realistic battle-scenario training, included key leader engagements, convoy operations, improvised explosive device response, detainee operations, real-world engineering projects and running a tactical operations center.

Soldiers of the 871st Engineer Company (Hilo and Maui), 63rd Bde. Spt. Battalion (Las Vegas), 829th Signal Co. (Oahu) and 302nd Quartermaster Co. from Guam and Saipan, also participated in the exercise.

At the conclusion of the exercise, 303rd MEB achieved its primary goal, initial operating capability. Col. Colbert Low, commander, said that meeting initial operating capability means that the brigade would then be able have command and control of other battalions on the battlefield, such as military police, engineering and chemical battalions.

“This is the first time that this headquarters has been able to command and control all of those elements on the ground,” said Low. “It is a great experience for our Soldiers because we are learning something every day.”

This annual training was the first consolidated annual training for the 303rd. There were other firsts and milestones, but initial operating capability is what made the leadership proud.

Lt. Col. Frank Hopkins, deputy commander, shared his perspective as a newcomer to the organization.

“The brigade was created roughly two years



Sgt. Mike Chrest, combat medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 303rd MEB, 9th MSC, delivers meals to the mock village Ishmili during a simulated key leader engagement, as part of the warrior exercise Operation Compass Shield.

ago and is beginning to stand on its feet, so there was a process of getting the equipment, getting the Soldiers and then getting them trained,” said Hopkins. “This exercise was our first shake-down that got us out and moving, and we are looking real good. I would say that we have surpassed initial operating capability.”

Hopkins said that this WAREX instilled a level of confidence in the brigade that would allow it to go on to any battlefield and accomplish all that is required of a maneuver enhancement brigade.

“From a civil affairs perspective, this warrior exercise taught our Soldiers how important the

host nation relationship can be to the overall mission in gaining the trust (of the local people) — and how things can turn around quickly if we are not engaging them properly,” said Maj. Robert Vandertuin, civil affairs officer.

303rd MEB is already looking forward to next year and the goal of full operational capability.

CLS: Battle buddies’ mission is to keep each other alive

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skilled in saving lives.”

Approximately 20 Soldiers from the 8th TSC’s subordinate units participated and

learned combat lifesaving tools.

“We are taught that it is not our primary mission to save lives, but to ensure the safety of the casualty and the sustainment of life until medical personnel arrive,” said Spc. Joseph

Peck, CLS graduate and command team driver for the 8th Special Troops Battalion. “More than 90 percent of casualties on the battlefield die of severe bleeding to the extremities. As CLS, we help to mitigate that by controlling the injuries until a medic can take over.”

Most deaths on the battlefield that Soldiers can prevent are taught during CLS.

“If I can help my battle buddies so that they don’t become a statistic, then I can complete my primary mission,” Peck added. “I believe that this CLS course accomplished its mission by training us to standard and providing real-world scenarios to properly train us for when we are called upon.”

At the end of the course, the students were proud of their accomplishment and the knowledge they gained, and the instructors were able to extend the ability to save lives far past their immediate reach, said Master Sgt. Isaac Day II, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Surgeon Cell for the 8th TSC.

“It is vitally important that we, as combat medics, ensure that we do everything in our power to save lives and pass on knowledge,” said Day. “Jones and her team did a phenomenal job.”

Day added that he is proud of wide-reaching implications from Jones’ team succeeded in accomplishing during the class.



(Courtesy photo)

DOD: Furlough fixed

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ficial said. “Military readiness is degraded heading into 2014. We still need several months and substantial funding to recover. And yet, 2014 is a year that will feature great uncertainty ... and it may feature some additional austerity.”

The budget for fiscal year 2014 is up in the air. “Secretary Hagel wants to assure our civilian employees that he will do everything possible to avoid imposing furloughs again next year,” the official said.

In his memo, Hagel thanked the civilian workforce “for their patience and continued dedication to our mission during these extraordinarily tough times and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country.”



The rubber victims look and weigh real to the Soldiers taking them to an extraction point during the Combat Lifesaver class, instructed by the medical experts at the 8th TSC, Aug. 5-9. (Photo by Spc. Joseph Peck, 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command)

2ND SBCT WEEK OF THE WARRIOR



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Majors, first sergeants and chief warrant officers from across 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participate in Warrior X-4, a leadership event designed to build multi-echelon cohesion and foster adaptive leader qualities through physical and mental challenges, here, Aug. 7. (Photos courtesy 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division)



A softball tournament was one of the Week of the Warrior team building and esprit de corps centered activities, Aug. 6. The events were part of the Week of the Warrior celebrating the brigade's 96th birthday.



Champions from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd SBCT, celebrate their overall victory in the Week of the Warrior activities during the brigade-wide barbecue, Aug. 9.

Sea Dragons deploy to Korea as part of joint exercise

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Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Soldiers from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command deployed to Korea for the upcoming exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Monday.

The Soldiers deployed to participate in UFG in order to help maintain a joint defense posture and guarantee the security of the Korean Peninsula.

“One major key task for this exercise is to enable regional security in our partnership capacity through bilateral training



events just like UFG,” said Sgt. 1st Class Luis Reyes, the 94th AAMDC battle systems manager. “The 94th AAMDC is in the business of professionalism, and by being at UFG, we would like to build partner capacity by exporting professionalism.”

As with any exercise, UFG has many Soldiers participating that have different skill sets and various levels of training to accomplish the mission.

“This is my first UFG exercise,” said Spc. Jason Puening, a 94th AAMDC G6 senior local area network manager. “I will be setting up the combined air missile defense operations center, and I

hope to gain a lot of knowledge on the various communications systems.”

Throughout UFG, combined forces will take part in simulated conflicts that exercise their abilities to handle a variety of events and actions concerning current and future threats to the region. Several realistic scenarios will be executed during the 10-day exercise.

“UFG is a great opportunity for the 94th AAMDC to show our partners and allies in the region that we are committed to missile defense in the Pacific,” said 1st Lt. Richard Eriksson, executive officer, Headquar-

ters and Headquarters Battery .

Ulchi Freedom Guardian is an annual training event since 1968, designed to ensure readiness to defend the Republic of Korea and sustain the capabilities that strengthen the ROK-U.S. Alliance. From 1976-2008, it was known as Ulchi-Focus Lens.

It also is a defense-oriented exercise developed around realistic scenarios designed to defend the ROK, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula.





Maj. Gen. Stephen Lanza (left), commander, 7th ID, presents Spc. Benjamin Rubino, 201st BSTB, 201st BSB, with a Bayonet Soldier of the Month plaque outside of the division headquarters, Aug. 2, for his actions June 29. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Kibler, 7th Infantry Division)

Warrior 2,700 miles away takes action to save friend

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7th Infantry Division Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD — When Spc. Benjamin Rubino, 201st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, checked his phone, June 29, he never expected to see what appeared on the screen: His former squad leader, nearly 2,700 miles away at Schofield Barracks, holding a loaded gun to his head.

“I didn’t know if he was joking or if he was serious,” Rubino said, “but this wasn’t something to ignore.”

Acting quickly, not knowing what his former leader intended to do, the 24-year old Soldier alerted the 25th Infantry Division staff duty officer.

“Due to his immediate phone call, the field officer of the day was able to locate that Soldier within minutes. He was, then, rushed to Tripler

Army Medical Center for immediate treatment and observation,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Delbert Byers, senior enlisted leader, 7th Infantry Division.

Rubino was recognized as the 7th ID Bayonet Soldier of the Month in a ceremony, Aug. 2. The date also happened to be his 24th birthday.

Rubino said he was doing his job as a Soldier and a friend.

“I didn’t do anything that I wouldn’t want someone to do for me, or any other Soldier, if that situation happened,” said Rubino. “I’m glad that people were able to get to him and help him.”

“In an organization, it’s not about the equipment. It’s not about the resources. It’s about the people,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen Lanza, commander, 7th ID. “I am proud to be standing in front of this formation to congratulate (Rubino) for saving a life.”



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

19 / Monday
Aliamanu Military Reservation Traffic Alert — One lane on Skyview Loop near Nim Lane will be closed weekdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., until Aug. 23. Call 655-7393.

24 / Saturday
Domestic Violence Awareness Walk — Wear comfortable shoes and participate in a domestic violence awareness walk, 10 a.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation community center. Call (253) 363-1345.

25 / Sunday
Anniversary — Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Schofield’s Soldier’s Chapel. Food, fellowship and fun beginning at noon. Call 655-9307.

26 / Monday
WAAF Traffic Alert — There will be lane closures at Santos Dumont Avenue, from Sterling Road to Warhawk Street and at Kawamura Gate, for road reconstruction. Lane closures between Sterling and Whiteman roads will be 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. until Sep. 19; closed between Whiteman Road and Warhawk Street, Sep. 20-Oct. 10 (traffic will

be one-way, eastbound, during lane closures). Work at Kawamura Gate will be at night, 6 p.m.-4:30 a.m., Oct. 10-11. Call 656-2532.


28 / Wednesday
Women’s Equality Day — Celebrate the right for women to vote, hosted by the 516th Signal Brigade, at 10 a.m. in the Helemano Military Reservation chapel. The guest speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Tara Bryan, brigade operations senior enlisted leader. Call 438-9310.

September
7 / Saturday
Fisher Run — Be at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, 6 a.m., for the 8k Hero and Remembrance Fisher House Run, Walk or Roll. No cost to participate. Register at <http://triplerfisherhouse.eventbrite.com>.

9 / Monday
Shafter Traffic Alert — There will be a 24-hour road closure starting from the north-east end of Rice Drive onto Rice Loop, until Sept. 20. Call 351-1168.

27 / Friday
Job Fair — Schofield Barracks ACAP hosts a job fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on the Soldier Support Center Lanai (Building 750). For details and a list of companies attending, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/acap/default.htm.

Ongoing
Extended Road Closure — Macomb Roundabout will remain closed through mid-September due to street light procurement and installation. Call 284-3964.



facebook
Town Hall
1-2:30 p.m.,
Wed., Sept. 11
www.facebook.com/usaghawaii

Attend the quarterly online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab.


‘Unda Da Sea’



A dive student visits ruins during an open-water dive with Outdoor Recreation and Island Divers Hawaii, recently. (Photo courtesy Island Divers Hawaii)

Soldiers dive to new depths with Outdoor Rec course

SARAH PACHECO
Staff Writer

 CHOFIELD BARRACKS — Surfing Hawaii’s ocean waters or gliding over the glassy Pacific in a canoe are both exhilarating experiences unique to living on an island, but sometimes, a person wants to explore what lies beneath.

Scuba diving is an adventure worth trying at least once while stationed in Hawaii. The oceans surrounding the islands are teeming with tropical marine specimens, many found nowhere else on Earth.

Beginners can venture out with a scuba tour led by professional dive instructors, but for the more-advanced waterman, a dive certification card, or C-card, opens up a sea of new possibilities.

Recently, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Outdoor Recreation Center teamed up with Island Divers Hawaii to offer Soldiers the opportunity to earn open-water certification through a one-week course, here.

Certification is good for life and recognized worldwide, allowing Soldiers the ability to rent dive gear, book dive charters and explore sites and locations no matter where they may be stationed next.

"This program is such a good opportunity for Soldiers, especially because the certification is good for life and allows Soldiers to dive all over the world," said Lauren Smith, Island Divers marketing/customer service director.

Initially, classes were offered every other week; however, due to increasing interest and popularity among the garrison community, Smith said courses now are offered every week, as follows:

- Bookwork and classroom instruction, 6-9

Island Divers Hawaii

Island Divers Hawaii has three locations on Oahu, including on Schofield Barracks, 435 Ulrich Way, Bldg. 2110.

For more information, call 423-8222 or visit www.oahuscubadiving.com.

p.m., Monday-Tuesday;

•Pool work, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday; and

•Open-water dives, two dives each day, Saturday-Sunday.



Scuba instructor Michael Kurt (back right) talks with students about the different sea life they may encounter while out on an open-water dive during the classroom portion of the open-water scuba course. (Photo by Sarah Pacheco, Honolulu Star-Advertiser)

"We scheduled classes so Soldiers can do their jobs in the day, then come to the classes in the evenings," Smith explained. "Then, on weekends, there are dives at Electric Beach, Shark’s Cove ... really, it’s up to the instructor, as there’s so much great shore diving on Oahu."

Instruction is led at the dive center, located in the Outdoor Rec building, here, and then progresses to in the Helemano Military Reservation pool, so students can test out their newly acquired skills.

"The pool is really one of the most fun parts, because everyone gets all suited up in their gear. They have no idea what to expect; they hop in the water and take that first breath and realize, 'Oh my gosh, this is so cool. I can breathe underwater!'" said instructor Michael Kurt.

"When they get out to the ocean, it’s a little different, but then at the end of that you see them have that ‘aha moment,'" Kurt contin-

ued. "That’s the coolest part about the open-water course — going from 'I can barely swim' to 'I’m a scuba diver now.'"

Once Soldiers complete the open-water course and obtain certification — which allows them to dive up to a depth of 60 feet, with a buddy — they are eligible to work their way up toward advanced certification, in which they will be able to get down even deeper, up to 132 feet, with a buddy.

"I love the chance to actually go to the depth in the water where the creatures are and the ability to stay right there, just a few feet away from them, and watch them go about their lives," said Rebecca Sisk, who graduated both the open-water and advanced courses with her dive partner/husband Sgt. Brian Balduff, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

"We went through both programs together, every step of the way," Sisk added, noting that people should never dive alone.

"You always have somebody right there beside you to help you, should anything go wrong, so it’s an ideal arrangement for a husband and wife, or boyfriend and girlfriend, to go through the program together, because then you always have your partner there, and you can continue to do the recreational dives together," Sisk explained.

Those interested in continuing their scuba education can even enroll in the Hawaii Scuba University, with the option to become a divemaster or a professional dive instructor.

"I was in the inaugural class of Hawaii Scuba

University," said Kurt, who was able to use a portion of his wife’s post-911 GI Bill to become the first instructor to graduate from the program.

"The HSU program is amazing. It benefits spouses and active duty members alike, depending on how the sponsor divvies up the benefits," Kurt explained. "I do plan on going significantly further to become a technical diving instructor, where we can go even deeper. That would be way cool!"

Island Divers and Outdoor Rec also have partnered with Army Community Service to bring certified volunteer opportunities to dive professionals, here.

"Soldiers who are certified divemasters or dive instructors can earn promotion points and a medal and ribbon by volunteering at different shore diving sites around Oahu on the weekends," Smith said.

ACS requires volunteers to attend a training session before they can qualify for the program; Outdoor Rec and Island Divers have training requirements participants must pass before leading any individual site dives, as well.

"It’s a long program, but the good part is you can decide how much time, and money, you want to invest in it," said Balduff.

"Hawaii is a beautiful chain of islands, and each island has different life on it. They are nowhere identical in terms of the kind of life you will find in the ocean," Kurt added. "Even if someone TDYs or PCSs (goes on temporary duty or permanent change of station) from here and goes somewhere else, scuba is a lifetime certification, so it’s an activity you can do no matter where you go in the world."

"It’s just a truly fascinating experience," Sisk agreed. "The longer you look at marine life, the more life you realize is there, and that’s

something you can’t get any other way but scuba. It’s only with recreational scuba diving that you can really be a part of the marine life community."

HSU

Hawaii Scuba University is the professional education division of Island Divers Hawaii and provides professional scuba diving certification through the world’s leading professional scuba diving certification organization, PADI.

Students can achieve the following certifications:

- Divemaster (Professional Level One);
- Assistant instructor (Professional Level Two);
- Open-water scuba instructor (Professional Level Three);
- Master scuba diver trainer

(Professional Level Four); and

•Instructor Development Course (IDC) staff/master instructor (Professional Level Five).

Veterans and active service military personnel may use their VA benefits or GI Bill to become a PADI instructor. Additionally, all scuba courses and diving certification levels are available by using VA benefits or the GI Bill.

For more information, contact registrar Jeremy Ossman at registrar@lhawaii-scuba-university.com.





Briefs

Today

TAMC Pool Closure — The Tripler Army Medical Center pool and deck are closed until further notice due to a water line break. The facility will be reopened as soon as the deck is repaired, pool thoroughly cleaned and water readings are brought back to perspective levels. AMR Pool hours will be expanded during this time, Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday (normal hours of operation), 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Contact Momi Smith, Aquatics manager, 655-9653.

19 / Monday

Workweek Lunch — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) offer daily lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy buffet style or menu items.

Pau Hana Social Hour

Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an after-work fun time, Monday-Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m. Enjoy discounted appetizers and domestic draft beverages. Call 655-4466.

Sand Volleyball — Join weekly competition on Mondays; game starts at 6 p.m., SB Tropics Warrior Zone. Call 655-5698.

20 / Tuesday

FS Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to the library; different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every Tuesday.

Taco Tuesday Night — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

21 / Wednesday

Sgt. Yano Library Preschool Story Time — SB library, 10 a.m. each Wednesday; features a different theme and story. Call 655-4707.

BOSS Meetings

HEADIN’ HOME



FORT SHAFTER — Staff Sgt. John Holbrook (front right) from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command scores safely in a close play with catcher Spc. Daniel Ting (front left) from the 9th Mission Support Command during a recent Army Hawaii Intramural Sports at Fort Shafter Softball League game. The 9th MSC prevailed in the slugfest game, 12-11.

The 16 team double-elimination playoffs, between Schofield Barracks Softball League and Fort Shafter, will be held Aug. 19-22 at the new Stoneman Stadium Sports Complex at Schofield Barracks. (Photo by Michael Kim, Fort Shafter Intramural Sports director.)

diers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call 655-1130.

- North meetings, 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.
- South meetings, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, FS Bowling Center.

Teen Wednesdays — Cosmic Bowling for teens for \$2 at Wheeler Bowling Center, WAAF, 2-4 p.m. Free shoes with a two-game minimum. Call 656-1745.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night, 5-8 p.m., at Kolekole Bar & Grill (SB, 655-4466) and Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (FS, 438-1974). Kids under 10 eat for a special price from the keiki menu.

22 / Thursday

Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays. Initial ses-

sion is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for preregistration.

Tropics Poker Tournament — Texas Hold’em poker, 6 p.m., at Tropics Warrior Zone, SB, every Thursday. The free weekly tournament is open to all ID cardholders, 18 and older. Call 655-5698.

23 / Friday

Friday Night Fever — Enjoy a \$5 special for Cosmic Bowling at Wheeler Bowling Center. Includes three games and one shoe rental, 5-10 p.m. Call 656-1745.

Ongoing

Vehicle Safety Check — The SB (655-9368) and FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers perform Hawaii safety checks on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments.

Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) — Would you like to know how to keep your neighborhood safe? Interested in starting an

NWP? It’s a simple process that takes initiative and personal responsibility. Email NWP@IPChawaii.com.

SKIES Unlimited Driver’s Education — New program is \$381, plus military receive a 5 percent discount. Earn additional savings by referring a friend to the same class to get \$25 off. Call 655-9818.

New SKIES Unlimited AMR Studio — Now open and offering classes in Lil Ninjas, Kenpo Karate, Rock School, Beginner Dance, Intermediate Dance, Hip Hop and Hula at the AMR SKIES Studio. Call 655-9818 for class availability or visit www.himwr.com.

Big Brother, Big Sister Military Mentoring — Military youth, ages 9-17, can be matched with a military or civilian adult who can serve as a mentor to assist in personal development emotionally, mentally and physically. Contact the School Liaison Office at 655-8326 to sign up or register as an adult program mentor.

community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

17 / Saturday

Pearlridge Farmers’ Market — Grand opening event, 8 a.m.-noon, Pearlridge Center downtown. Will feature more than 40 booths with Oahu produce and locally-inspired artisan foods.

Wahiawa Pineapple Festival — The former “Pineapple Capital” of the world celebrates its agricultural heritage, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wahiawa District Park.

Parade at 9 a.m. begins at Kaala Elementary School, followed by festival that features craft fair, keiki fun, ethnic food and rides. An afternoon jazz festival follows, 2:30-6 p.m.

Call 637-5337 or visit www.wahiawapinefest.com.

Royal Hawaiian Band — Mililani Town shopping center features the Royal Hawaiian Band for a noon concert, Aug. 17.

Hawaiian Slack Key Festival — This 31st annual event showcases some of the world’s greatest artists in the slack key guitar genre, noon-6 p.m., Aug. 18, Kapiolani Park. Local cuisine, island crafters, community group booths, guitar exhibit

and festival merchandise all featured. Call 226-2697 or write kihoalufoundationinc@yahoo.com

“Twelf Nite O Wateva!” — Hawaiian Mission Houses presents James Grant Benton’s pidgin adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night, or What You Will,” 7 p.m., through Aug. 17, at 553 S. King St.

Tickets cost \$20 adults, \$16 students and seniors. Gates open at 5 p.m.; seating is at 6:30 p.m. Call 447-3910 or visit www.missionhouses.org.

18 / Sunday

Samurai Weapons Exhibit — Honolulu Museum of Art’s “Lethal Beauty: Samurai Weapons and Armor,” 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Tues.-Sat.), 1-5 p.m. (Sun.), ends Sunday, Aug. 18, and is one of the most comprehensive displays on samurai ever created.

Free museum admission to active duty families as part of the Blue Star Museum program. The exhibit looks at the complex role of samurai and the “way of the warrior” within classical Japanese society. Visit www.honoluluuseum.org.

22 / Thursday

Hui ‘O Na Wahine — Annual super sign up, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 22, SB Nehelani. Invites spouses to explore and become apart of this all-ranks spouses club. Meet and greet other spouses while enjoying pupus and a variety of local vendors. Visit schofieldspousesclub.com.

Free Magic Classes — The International Brotherhood of Magicians hosts magic classes, 6 p.m., Kalihi-Palama Library. The fourth Thursday of every month features a free public introductory class.

A different aspect of beginner’s magic is taught every month, except November and December. Contact www.hawaiimagicclub or call 216-9672.

24 / Saturday

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk — Begins at AMR Community Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 24. Event is free. Visit www.walkinginhershoes.org or call Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Jones at (253) 363-1345.

September

1 / Sunday

Ford Island Remembrance Run, Walk — The Fisher House 8K Hero & Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll registration is underway for 6:30 a.m., Sept. 7, on Ford Island. “Traveling Bronzed Boots” award will be passed to the unit with the highest registration, including family members, by Sept. 1. Call 561-7423 or visit triplerfisherhouse.eventbrite.com.

Band Challenge and Soloist Contest — Aspiring teen musicians and singers are invited to enter the Koko Marina Band Challenge and Soloist Singing Contest. The first round of competition will take place through YouTube video submissions; deadline is 5 p.m., Sept. 1. Finals, Sept. 21, will offer

\$3,000 in prizes. Visit www.kokomarina.center.com.

11 / Wednesday

USAG-HI Facebook Town Hall — Attend the quarterly online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, from 1-2:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 11, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab.”

Ongoing

Veterinary Treatment Facility — The SB Veterinary Treatment Facility is now seeing patients five days a week, with extended hours every third Wednesday of the month until 7 p.m. Book an appointment for the new Wellness Package for affordable preventative care or to obtain a mandatory airline health certificate within 10 days of travel out of Oahu. Call 655-5893 or 655-5889.

Free Study Programs — In alliance with the Department of Defense, eKnowledge is donating \$200 SAT and ACT training programs to military families worldwide. Students select the training they need. Call (951) 256-4076.

New DOE Website — The Hawaii Department of Education’s new website has a section specifically for military families to help find schools. Visit www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/MilitaryFamilies/Pages/Home.aspx.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 8:45 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.

Pacific Rim

(PG-13)
Fri., Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

Grown Ups 2

(PG-13)
Sat., Aug. 17, 2 p.m.



The Lone Ranger

(PG-13)
Sat., Aug. 17, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

Monster University

(G)
Sun., Aug. 18, 1 p.m.

Despicable Me 2

(PG)
Sun., Aug. 18, 5 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Construction continues, IPC readies new AMR homes

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Summer has come and nearly gone for construction teams working tirelessly to complete new homes for families.

“Our subcontractors are turning over a lot of new homes throughout the year, but during the busy summer PCS (permanent change of station) season when demand is high, it seems like we can’t get enough,” said Tom Adams, Island Palm Communities (IPC) director of property management.

“Over the next few months, we’re going to see more new homes at Schofield for our junior noncommissioned officer families and new homes in our Hibiscus neighborhood at AMR (Aliamanu Military Reservation) for FGOs (field grade officers),” Adams said.

Since IPC took over development and management of USAG-Hawaii’s residential communities in 2004, more than 3,900 new homes have been completed to date along with new community centers, tot lots, basketball courts, skateboard parks, swimming pools and spray parks.

Over the remainder of the initial development period, which runs through 2020, 1,300 new homes will be built. Upon completion, IPC will have constructed 5,241 homes, nine community centers, dozens of community amenities and renovated 2,515 existing homes.

“It’s pretty amazing when you think about it that every home will have been impacted by this incredible effort by the Army to improve the homes and communities their Soldiers and families are living in,” said Adams.

Greener Communities
IPC isn’t just building homes. It’s creating communities with green open spaces, homes that incorporate energy-efficient home design and building materials, EnergyStar-rated appliances, and more.

Hawaiian Electric Company recently approved the first of several phases of photovoltaic (PV) installations, which got underway this month in the Helemano Military Reservation community.

IPC’s original development plan included the installation of up to 6 megawatts of PV, but the potential to



ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — New field grade officer (FGO) homes in the Hibiscus neighborhood, here, will be completed in fall/winter 2013. (Photo courtesy Island Palm Communities)

install more and pursue other renewable energy resources always existed. IPC is now moving ahead to install an additional 12 megawatts

of PV. When its development is complete in 2020, PV systems will be capable of generating up to 18

megawatts of power, providing nearly 35 percent of the community’s energy needs through a renewable resource.

Commissaries return to normal operating hours Aug. 18

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY
Public Affairs Division

FORT LEE, Va. — Military commissaries worldwide will return to normal operating schedules the week



of Aug. 18-24, said the director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency.

The DeCA announcement comes in the wake of the Department of Defense’s Aug. 6 decision to curtail furloughs of its civilian workforce from 11 to six days.

“This is welcome news for us all,” said Joseph Jeu. “Our stores will return to their regular schedules after Aug. 17. I encourage our patrons to check the DeCA website for their commissary’s operating hours.

“We recognize the disruption that furloughs presented to our pa-

trons as far as access to their commissary benefit,” he added. “We also understand the economic hardships many of our employees faced with

Online
Commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store’s operating schedule by going to www.commissaries.com, clicking on the “Locations” tab, then “Alphabetical Listing” to locate their store and then clicking on “Local Store Information.”

the pay they lost during the furlough period.”

Since July 8, the one-day-per-week furloughs impacted all of DeCA’s more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees worldwide.

With the end of furloughs, Jeu asked that patrons be patient as product delivery schedules return to normal.

“We will do everything possible to ensure that our shelves are properly stocked with the products our customers want when they shop,” he said. “However, there will be a short

adjustment period as our stores settle back into their pre-furlough operating and delivery routines.”

Schofield Barracks Commissary

The Schofield Barracks Commissary, beginning Aug. 18, will be open as follows:

- Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. (8 a.m., Early Bird hour)
- Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (7 a.m., Early Bird hour)

Army’s March 2 Success becomes more interactive

Free online test program is designed to help America’s youth prepare for the future

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If you haven’t been to March 2 Success in a while, recent changes have made it worth your while to take another look.

The program teaches study skills, offers sample tests and information about the college admission process and financial aid resources.

“If you loved March 2 Success before, you really should check it out now,” said Tony Castillo, chief of the Army Recruiting Command’s G-7/9 Education Division at Fort Knox, Ky.

Since 2003, more than 57,000 parents, educators and mentors, and 1.2 million students have registered in March 2 Success. The program continues to average about 14,000 new

Education Outreach

March 2 Success is designed to demonstrate the Army’s commitment to helping youth succeed in school and life, regardless of their enlistment intent. The program remains free for anyone to use and is available online 24/7.

Visit www.march2success.com.

registrations every month.

The self-paced online test preparation program, sponsored by the Army — with content developed by Peterson’s — provides materials, videos and competency building in verbal, math and science to help high school students prepare for state required exams and college entrance tests, including the SAT, ACT and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

“It is now more interactive and more engaging, with enhanced technology applications, drag-and-drop activities and more tutoring resources,” said Castillo.

The previous version of March 2 Success was a reader-centric program, basically an online textbook students would read.

Research shows that when more senses are incorporated into the learning environment, students retain more of what they are learning, according to Castillo.

March 2 Success needed to evolve.

“To provide a resource that’s truly relevant and effective for both students and teachers, we had to update March 2 Success to keep pace with technology and changes in the online education world,” said Castillo.

In addition to the technological enhancements, March 2 Success launched two updated



courses in June. These interactive courses include lessons, practice tests and short assessments to help students develop their verbal, math and science skills.

- The improved High School Math and Verbal Skills course features pre-assessments, practice tests and a personalized learning plan for grades 8-10.
- The College Readiness Online course focuses on improving math and verbal proficiency for students in grades 11-12, which is helpful for required state exams and college entrance tests.

This course replaced the former State Standardized Test Preparation course.

- The High School Science Hub features lessons and practice tests in earth science, biology, chemistry and physics.

“Educators will love this because it is another avenue to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum and careers,” Castillo said.

All of the curriculum, developed and updated by Peterson’s, is the same curriculum on the “in-service ASVAB” used by all the services to help those military members improve their ASVAB scores when applying to military schools or to change their military occupational specialty, according to Castillo.

Castillo added that registration and usage



Future Army recruit Kyle Stone (standing) used March 2 Success to improve his Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score for enlistment. (Photo by John Thompson, Houston Recruiting Battalion)

data is all Recruiting Command tracks in an effort to measure program effectiveness and validate continued funding for the program, which is always a concern in the current fiscally constrained environment.

Keiki ‘Stop Flu at School’ program signup now underway

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
News Release

Parents of students in kindergarten through eighth grade should know that “Stop Flu at School” consent forms are due by Sept. 6.

Vaccinations, which begin in October, are a child’s best protection against influenza (flu).

The Department of Health will conduct its annual school-based flu vaccination program, “Protect Hawaii’s Keiki: Stop Flu at School,” this fall.

All students, kindergarten through eighth grade, attending participating schools statewide are able to receive a free flu vaccination at school.

Consent forms and additional information

about the Stop Flu at School program will be distributed through participating schools in August.

The Stop Flu at School, Hawaii’s school-located vaccination program, is an innovative partnership between the State of Hawaii departments of Health and Education, the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and Hawaii Catholic Schools.

Immunization Information and Schedules

For more information about the Stop Flu at School program and school schedules, visit <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/flu>

This program is endorsed by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Hawaii Association of Family Practitioners.

The Stop Flu at School program aims to improve the health of Hawaii’s keiki, families and kupuna by preventing the spread of influenza through vaccination.

Through the Stop Flu at School program, all

hawaii/stop-flu-at-school/ or call 2-1-1.

For the list of participating schools and their clinic dates, visit http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/flu-hawaii/SFAS_Schedule/.

children attending participating elementary and middle schools are offered free flu vaccine at school, during the school day.

How to Participate

Read the school-provided information packet.

Choose the type of flu vaccine (nasal spray or shot) that you want your child to receive.

Complete the appropriate consent form; sign and date.

Return the consent form to your child’s teacher by Sept. 6.